

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** Vice Chairman Gordon Vance, on March 18, 2009 at  
3:00 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Bob Ebinger, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Gordon Vance, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)  
Rep. Tom Berry (R)  
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)  
Rep. Lee Randall (R)  
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)  
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)  
Rep. Margaret MacDonald (D)  
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary  
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing: HB 614, SB 457

Executive Action: None

00:00:00 Call to order

**HEARING ON SB 457**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:36 Sen. Gary Branae (D), SD 27, opened the hearing on  
SB 457, Revise scenic byways laws.

(Rep. Wilson, Rep. Arntzen and Rep. MacDonald arrived.)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:41 Mike Penfold, Frontier Heritage Association; Commercial  
Lodge Owner, Red Lodge, Montana  
00:08:58 Howard Boggess, Project Coordinator, Frontier Heritage  
Alliance  
00:19:01 Christina Volek, City Administrator, City of Billings  
00:21:20 Amy Grmoljez, Montana Inn Keepers Association  
00:22:07 John Ostlund, Yellowstone County Commissioner  
00:22:31 Gail Abercrombie, Montana Petroleum Association,  
Western Environmental Trade Association  
00:23:34 Barry "Spook" Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:25:07 Rep. Ebinger  
00:26:51 Sen. Branae  
00:28:19 Rep. Ebinger  
00:28:29 Mr. Penfold  
00:28:58 Rep. MacDonald  
00:29:25 Sen. Branae  
00:31:24 Rep. Arntzen  
00:31:41 Mr. Penfold  
00:34:12 Rep. Arntzen  
00:34:43 Sen. Branae

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:35:01 Sen. Branae

**HEARING ON HB 614**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:36:15 Rep. Gary MacLaren (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 614, Crime to ride off-highway vehicles on closed public lands.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:38:53 Jim Kropp, Chief, Enforcement Division, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

**EXHIBIT(trh60a01)**

00:41:29 Jeff Noble, Powder River County Attorney

00:50:54 Greg Munther

**EXHIBIT(trh60a02)**

00:53:52 Gary Carbajal, Montana Bow Hunters Association

00:55:39 Ben Long, Back Country Hunters and Anglers

00:59:37 Larry Copenhaver, Conservation Director, Montana Wildlife Federation

01:04:42 Mike Penfold, Priors Coalition

01:06:17 Howard Boggess, Frontier Heritage Alliance, Priors Coalition

01:09:37 Kevin Chappell, Chief, Agriculture and Grazing Management Bureau, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:10:30 Roger Hagan, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association

01:14:43 Cory Swanson, Citizens for Balanced Use

**EXHIBIT(trh60a03)**

01:24:29 Bob Gilbert, Walleyes Unlimited

01:29:25 Vanessa Clark, Montana Snowmobilers Association

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:30:44 Rep. Taylor

01:31:04 Mr. Copenhaver

01:31:29 Rep. Taylor

01:32:24 Mr. Kropp

01:33:25 Rep. Kottel

01:33:42 Mr. Noble

01:38:32 Rep. Arntzen

01:39:01 Mr. Kropp

01:43:48 Rep. Ebinger

01:44:09 Mr. Kropp

01:45:03 Rep. Barrett  
01:45:38 Mr. Kropp  
01:46:31 Rep. Kottel  
01:47:24 Mr. Noble  
01:50:34 Rep. Barrett  
01:51:32 Mr. Noble  
01:53:59 Rep. Barrett  
01:54:22 Rep. MacLaren  
01:54:38 Vice Chairman Vance  
01:54:55 Mr. Swanson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:55:17 Rep. MacLaren

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([trh60aad.pdf](#))**